# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SPACE
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EXPLOSION OF COLUMBIA SPACE SHUTTLE
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**Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:**

(a) the circumstances leading to the explosion of Columbia Space Shuttle of NASA;

(b) whether the matter is being investigated; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a report is expected?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS A PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTE STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJEE) :

(a),(b)&(c) The exact cause for the break up of the Columbia will be known after detailed investigation by the US Government. The time by which the investigation report will be available is not known.